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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Special Assistant to the DCI
for Compartmentation
Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: 25X1A
Director of Security

SUBJECT: Zero-Base Review of Industrial Clearance
Status Report (U)

REFERENCE: Memorandum for DDA from DCI
Subject: Zero-Based Review of Clearances
Dated 20 April 1978 (ER 78-1220) (U)

1. Action Requested: None; for your information.

2. Background: In April 1978 you requested a plan for Zero-Based Review of security clearances in one or more of our compartmented areas. This was provided and you subsequently directed that a rejustification effort be made starting with zero on all agencies' unit's contractors that have clearances. (U)

The Agency has contractors working on one or more of our compartmented programs. (C) 25X1A

25X1A During FY 1979, review was completed of clearances at industrial contractor facilities. There was a reduction of 7.2% in the number of people who formerly held clearances. This represented 13.2% of the approvals in the population of these companies since some individuals held more than one clearance. (C)

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3. Current Status: We entered FY 1980 with a goal of completing the review at [] more facilities. As of the end of the third quarter, June 1980, the review had been completed at [] companies. They are listed on the attached sheet. There were [] cleared individuals in these [] companies. Justifications were acknowledged to be insufficient for [] (7.2%). Between them these people held [] access approvals which have been withdrawn, decreasing the number from [] to [] or 13.4%. The similarity in percentages with FY 1979 figures (7.2% of the people and 13.2% of the clearances) is purely coincidental and does not reflect a pre-established goal. (C) 25X1A

Work is in progress on the [] remaining companies and we anticipate completion by the end of this fiscal year. (U) 25X1A

4. Discussion: It should be noted that while you approved the Community request to postpone their Zero-Based Review of product access approvals pending implementation of APEX, our review of contractor holdings is a total re-examination of justification for all product as well as all operational access approvals. (C)

We have run into no problems. Cooperation by industry has been outstanding. (U)

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This exercise has provided added benefits. We are updating the central record listings of Agency contractors on [] We have gained a measure of confidence in the expectation of an accurate and smooth transition to the APEX System and its 4C record keeping program. (C)

We will keep you informed of progress. (U)

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I would appreciate it if you would work up a plan for zero-based review of security clearances in one or more of our compartmented areas. In short, I would like to force a rejustification starting with zero on all agencies' unit's contractors that have clearances. They would have to come back in and say the reason we have ten clearances in this division is so and so, and 20 clearances in that division is thus and such. Maybe we could try it on one and then see if we can go from there.

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